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SUBJ: PAROLE OF MINORS AMONG INDOCHINESE BOAT CASE REFUGEES
POPULATION

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1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE SO FAR IDENTIFIED ALMOST 180
MINORS IN THE INLAND THAI CAMPS WHO ARE EITHER
RELATIVES OF IPP PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS, OR HAVE
DISTANT RELATIVES IN THE U.S. WE BELIEVE THAT
THESE MINORS SHOULD BE PAROLED AS CATEGORY IV
UNDER THE CURRENT PROGRAM. WE DO NOT RECOMMEND
PAROLE AT THIS TIME FOR THE BALANCE OF OVER
TWO HUNDRED MINORS WHO HAVE NO "U.S. CONNECTION".
END SUMMARY

2. PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTTEL B LISTED TWO CATEGORIES
OF MINORS. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD A THIRD.

3. TYPE "A" WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, I.E.
MINORS (ASSUMED TO BE UNDER 18 AT THE TIME OF INS INTER-
VIEW) WHO ARE DISTANGLY RELATED OR TIED ONLY BY FRIEND-
SHIP TO FAMILIES WHO WILL QUALIFY UNDER CATEGORIES I, II.
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OR III FOR IPP. THESE MINORS WHOULD RECEIVE CATEGROY IV
NUMBERS AND ACCOMPANY THE IPP PRINCIPAL APPLICANT TO THE STATES.

4. TYPE "B" WOULD BE REDEFINED AS A MINOR IN THE CAMP
WHO HAS NO REFUGEE RELATIVES ACCOMPANYING, BUT WHO DOES
HAVE A MORE DISTANT RELATIVE (AUNT, UNCLE, NIECE, NEPHEW,
COUSIN) IN THE U.S. THIS MINOR WOULD BE A CATEGORY IV PRINCIPAL

APPLICANT BECAUSE OF SOME U.S. CONNECTION.

5. TYPE "C- MINORS WOULD BE THOSE WHO HAVE NO TIES IN THE CAMP, AND NO RELATIVE OF ANY DEGREE IN THE U.S.

6. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF MINORS AS DEFINED ABOVE ARE: TYPE A, 159; TYPE B, 19; TYPE C, 242.

7. SOME TYPE A MINORS WILL BE ACCOMPANYING AN IPP APPLICANT WHO, FOR EXAMPLE, IS AN UNCLE. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE MINOR ALSO HAS ANOTHER UNCLE IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THIS INSTANCE, IF THE IPP UNCLE DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR IPP, WE WOULD PROPOSE NOT SPLITTING THE MINOR OUT AND REPRESENTING HIM AS A CATEGORY IV PRINCIPAL APPLICANT.

8. WE FEEL QUITE STRONGLY THAT TYPE A MINORS MUST BE GRANTED PAROLE TO ACCOMPANY THEIR RELATIVES WHO QUALIFY FOR IPP, CE, OR ANY PROGRAM WHICH TAKES THE RELATIVE OUT OF THAILAND. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD REQUIRE UNACCEPTABLE ABANDONMENT OF THE MINOR. INS OFFICERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN UNDERSTANDING ON THIS ISSUE.

9. STATE 40705, PARA 3, WHICH SET UP THE MARCH 1977 CE PROGRAM, EXCLUDED BY OMISSION ANY CATEGORY IV RELATIVES SUCH AS AGED AUNTS AND UNCLES. WE SUGGEST CATEGORY IV ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES BE ADDED TO THE CY-78 CE PROGRAM.

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10. WE BELIEVE THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR PAROLE OF TYPE B MINORS. THE MAGNITUDE OF THIS CATEGORY IS NOT GREAT, AND CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN IPP-77.

11. AS FOR TYPE C MINORS (THOSE WHO HAVE NO RELATIVES NOW IN THAILAND, AND WHO HAVE NONE IN THE U.S.) , WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN BE PICKED UP WITHIN THE 8000 INLAND CAMP NUMBERS OF IPP-77, ALTHOUGH THE POSSIBILITY WOULD EXIST IN ANY FUTURE BOAT CASE PAROLE PROGRAMS. TO DO SO FOR INLAND CAMP REFUGEES WOULD DENY PAROLE TO AN EQUIVALENT NUMBER OF CATEGORY I, II, AND THE FEW CATEGORY II'S WHO MAY BE INCLUDED.

12. THE REFUGEE SECTION BELIEVES THT THESE MINORS WOULD CERTAINLY BE BETTER OFF IN THE U.S. THAN IN THAI CAMPS. IF NO SPECIAL PAROLE ACTION IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR MINORS, SOME MAY STILL QUALIFY FOR NON-PREFERENCE VISAS, WHEN NUMBERS BECOME AVAILABLE, OR FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS AS ADOPTED ORPHANS (SEE SECTION 101 (B) (1) F OF THE INA FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 14).

13. RECOMMENDED ACTION:

A. THAT TYPES A AND B MINORS BE PAROLED DURING IPP
AS CATEGORY IV;

B. THAT THE PROBLEM OF TYPE C IMINORS BE DEFERRED FOR
A LATER PAROLE OR CE PROGRAM.

C. THAT CATEGORY IV ACCOMPANYING RELATIVES BE ADDED TO
THE CY-78 CE PROGRAM.

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